

# Workshop and Seminar announcement – two related sessions on data management and handling survey data

30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> January 2012, University of Stirling

These two related events are organised by the 'DAMES' research Node ('Data Management through e-Social Science'), which is part of the ESRC's programme in Digital Social Research and e-Social Science. The Node's interests, broadly conceived, are in taking advantage of online facilities and computing resources in order to support the analysis of complex social research data (see also [www.dames.org.uk](http://www.dames.org.uk)). Nearly all of our activities pertain to quantitative research data, but some of the principles apply to other domains.

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January**

Event (1)

## Operationalising social science variables and using the GEODE, GEMDE and GEEDE services



*A workshop which will discuss and illustrate approaches which pay attention to variable operationalisations in survey research and potentially lead to data enhancements. The main activities will involve introducing three related online services generated by the DAMES Node which are concerned with data about occupations, educational qualifications, and ethnicity.*

*The workshop is open to all and is particularly suitable for researchers involved in the hands-on activities of operationalising variables in social science and sociological research. It seeks to provide practical training alongside illustrative discussion materials. The session combines talks and lab sessions; in the latter, participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops and whenever possible the illustrative examples will be undertaken on their machines.*

Event date **30<sup>th</sup> January 2012 (1400-1700)**

Location 3S27 Colin Bell Building, University of Stirling < <http://www.stir.ac.uk/about/getting-here> <<http://www.dames.org.uk/workshops/index.html#travel>>

### Schedule

1330-1400	Sandwich lunch/Registration
1400-1500	Dealing with key variables in social research: New options (Paul Lambert, Univ. Stirling)
1500-1520	Building GEMDE: An online portal for data on ethnicity (John Watt, Univ. Glasgow; others tbc)
1520-1540	Methodbox: A service for data users in health research (Paul Lambert, Univ. Stirling)
1540-1600	Tea/Coffee
1600-1700	Practical session: Working with social science variables with examples from the GEODE, GEEDE and GEMDE portals (DAMES Node researchers)

Registration deadline

20<sup>th</sup> January 2012. The event is free, including catering, but registration must be confirmed in advance via email contact below.

Other information at: <http://www.dames.org.uk/workshops/>



Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January

Event (2)

## Data management in the social sciences and the contribution of the DAMES Node



A public seminar showcasing the work of the DAMES research Node, and seeking to raise awareness and generate debate on the wider topics of data management and research data.

Event date **31<sup>st</sup> January 2012 (0930-1300)**

Location 2V1, Cottrell Building, University of Stirling < <http://www.stir.ac.uk/about/getting-here> <<http://www.dames.org.uk/workshops/index.html#travel>>

### Provisional schedule

0900-0930	Coffee/Registration
0930-1000	The importance of data management (Paul Lambert)
1000-1030	Engaging with e-Health data resources (Nadine Dougall)
1030-1100	Secure access to e-Health data (John Watt)
1100-1130	Coffee/Tea
1130-1200	Workflows for Social Science (Ken Turner)
1200-1230	Organising social science data – computer science perspectives (Simon Jones)
1230-1300	Opportunities and prospects in social science research (Paul Lambert)
1300-1330	Sandwich lunch/close

*\*All speakers from the DAMES Node research team (<http://www.dames.org.uk/personnel.html>)*

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### Registration and other arrangements:

- If you would like to attend one or both events, please email Paul Lambert, [paul.lambert@stirling.ac.uk](mailto:paul.lambert@stirling.ac.uk), before 20<sup>th</sup> January 2012, to express your interest, using 'DAMES workshop' in the subject line. Please include any special requirements in your email if relevant. Confirmation of places will be sent as early as possible and certainly by 23<sup>rd</sup> January at the latest. We do not anticipate limiting the number of places available, but may do so if interest is greater than expected.
- For the lab session on 30<sup>th</sup> January, lab machines will be available for the exercises but participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops and examples will be implemented on these if software and network connections permit. Selected examples make use of the Stata, SPSS and R software packages, but not all are essential for undertaking the workshop.
- For travel advice see: <http://www.dames.org.uk/workshops/index.html#travel>

An event organised by the DAMES research Node, <[www.dames.org.uk](http://www.dames.org.uk)>

